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Triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-sixth session on the evaluation of peacekeeping operations: termination phase

1. At its 2nd meeting, on 8 June 1999, the Committee considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee on Programme and Coordination at its thirty-sixth session on the evaluation of peacekeeping operations: termination phase, transmitted under cover of a note by the Secretary-General (E/AC.51/1999/5).

Discussion

2. The view was expressed that the report was comprehensive and forthright.

3. Satisfaction was expressed with the progress achieved by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations in the management of the termination phase and in implementing most of the recommendations endorsed by the Committee three years previously, particularly those related to the lessons learned process. Further development of that process by the Department was encouraged. Particular concern was expressed at the non-implementation of recommendation 1, on the establishment of an archive of mission-specific standard operating procedures, and the lack of updating of the guideline standard operating procedures. Concern was expressed about the level of resources necessary to create the indexed archive of mission-specific standard operating procedures.

4. It was noted that the responsibility for further disseminating information from lessons learned efforts and ensuring that those lessons were internalized by the personnel who

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participated in future missions lay with the Department. The proposed merger of the Policy Analysis Unit and the Lessons Learned Unit, which had recently been submitted to the Fifth Committee, was noted. It was also noted that the experiences of the United Nations Protection Force and the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia had been omitted from the process of preparing the lessons learned report on the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium.

5. Satisfaction was expressed at the increased collaboration between the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Public Information regarding the public information component of peacekeeping activities, and the importance of enhancing public awareness of the activities of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations in the field was emphasized.

6. The view was expressed that, in the disposal of assets, further effort was required by the Department for the finalization of the assets inventory.

7. Concern was expressed about lack of resources, which had prevented the full implementation of a number of recommendations. Concern was also expressed about the fact that there was no information in the report on follow-up to the recommendations that had not been endorsed by the Committee but had been referred to other intergovernmental bodies, or on actions taken, as reflected in paragraph 2 of the report.

Conclusions and recommendations

8. The Committee noted that the Department of Peacekeeping Operations had substantially improved its management of the termination phase.

9. The Committee endorsed the conclusions of the triennial review.